

Items for the Daily Log - 11 October 1952

1. Forwarded to the DCI's office through [] the text of a release from the Senate Judiciary Committee in which the Committee expressed disappointment to the Attorney General that the Department of Justice had not presented the [] case to a grand jury. The letter further pointed out that the Committee had been withholding certain evidence that CIA requested but that recent remarks by General Smith had lessened the appeal of the CIA request. I also informed Mr. Wisner of this release and concluded with him that we had better reexamine the question of [] return to the Far East.

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2. I discussed with [] the Director's proposed appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee on 13 October. I pointed out to him that I felt very strongly that the DCI should not appear before the Committee alone and that either Mr. Houston or I should accompany him in order to be of assistance. [] stated that he was of two minds on that subject and as long as the DCI had not asked for his opinion, he would not venture one gratuitously. He felt, however, that the DCI might be best accompanied.

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I pointed out that had the DCI been accompanied by a member of the legal staff when he testified initially in the Benton-McCarthy Suit many of the questions might never have arisen which now lead to the necessity for him to testify before the House Committee. I also pointed out that our only interest was to protect the DCI in these matters.

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3. [] Executive Assistant to the Director, recommended that Mr. Houston accompany the DCI before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, but the Director stated that he wished to have no one with him.